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CHARGES AGAINST JUDGE  
THAYER.

Mr. Curtis's Complaints.

In September last Mr. George F. Curtis, an American lawyer practicing in Shanghai, appeared before the Committee on Expenditures in the Department of Justice, House of Representatives, and charged Judge Rufus H. Thayer of the United States Court for China with certain high crimes and misdemeanors. The charges filed occupy several pages in the printed report and they involve other American officials in Shanghai. After hearing the witnesses the Committee decided that the facts presented took the case out of its jurisdiction, and transmitted the evidence and a copy of the charges to the Committee on the Judiciary. According to the latest American newspapers, Mr. Henry D. Clay on, Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee stated that when he was officially notified of Judge Thayer's resignation the charges would be automatically pigeon holed. It is felt by the many friends of Judge Thayer in the Far East that he should be given an opportunity to refute the allegations made against him, particularly as he resigned for personal reasons, otherwise he may suffer damage in the future without ceasing it.

The charges, with notes, filed by Mr. Curtis occupy sixty printed pages. Briefly, Judge Thayer is charged with being absent from China more than sixteen months in three years and that he drew his salary while in Europe and Japan, submitting vouchers that purported to have been signed by him at Shanghai. The total amount of the alleged fraudulent vouchers and receipts, that were signed by Judge Thayer, according to the sworn charges and the testimony given before the committee, was \$8,860.40. These were distributed during a considerable period of time between 1909 and 1912.

The nine charges set forth allege abuse of power, prejudgment of a case, the endorsement of the appointment as District Attorney of a man who, it is alleged, "was not even a lawyer," incompetency, "grossly usurping a private jurisdiction," conferring powers on an inferior Court during his absence.

A Washington report, dated November 30, states: Friends of Judge Rufus H. Thayer branded as outrageous the mere suggestion that his resignation from the bench of the United States Court for the extrajurisdictional district of China had any connection whatever with the charges made against him by George F. Curtis. They assert that Judge Thayer's resignation was prompted to the President and to the Secretary of State before he had the slightest knowledge or intimation of any such charges. Judge Thayer had announced to numerous friends in China, including Mr. Calhoun, United States Minister, last summer, his definite decision to resign in the autumn. He had written to friends in Washington months ago of such a decision.

## A DREAM OF DEATH.

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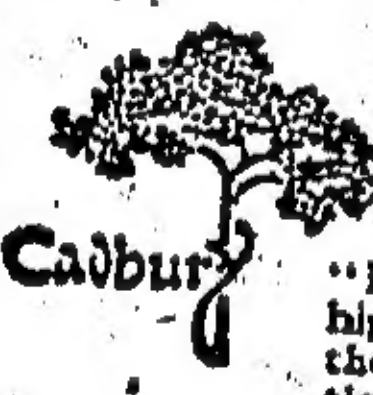
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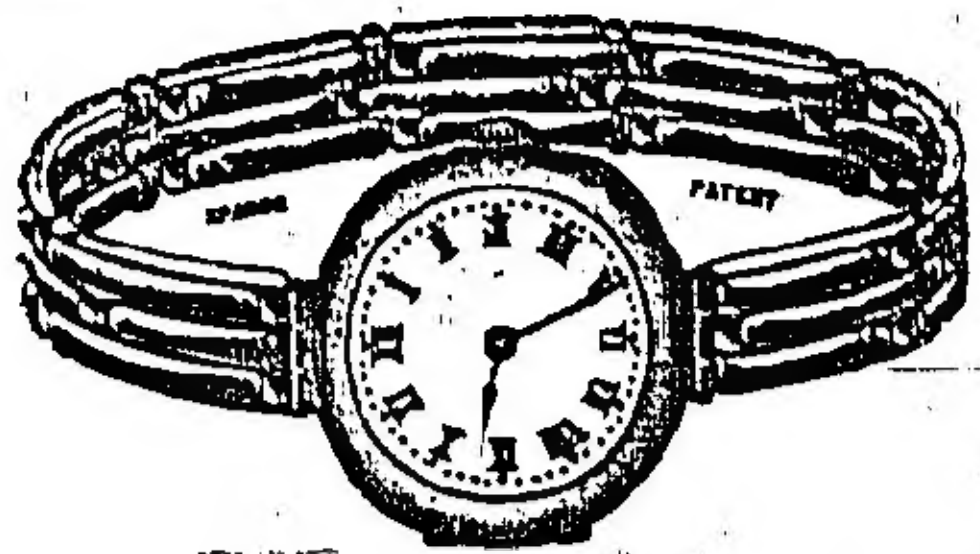
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### TRAGEDY AT A CHRISTMAS PARTY.

False Alarm of Fire.

Children Crushed to Death.

(From the London "Daily Telegraph" of Dec. 26th and Dec. 27th.)

New York, Dec. 25.

Christmas Day in America was saddened immeasurably by a terrible tragedy at Calumet, Michigan, where eighty poor souls—all women and children, except five men—were killed in a frightful panic which took place during a Christmas Eve celebration in the local hall. All the reports agree that the panic originated because some fool cried "Fire!" with the result that a mad rush began towards the narrow stairway leading towards the principal exit.

In a few seconds the door, which opened outwards to the street, became jammed with bodies, and prevented for a time any further egress of the frightened women and children. It was on the landing of the narrow stairway, a veritable death-trap, where the bodies were found piled in a heap, and at the door that nearly all the deaths occurred. And from first to last there had been no justification for the villainous false alarm. The candles on the Christmas-tree, which had been arranged for the benefit of the children of the Western Federation of Miners, had not even been lighted; the hall was lighted electrically, and there was not a fire on the premises save that in the basement for heating the hot water pipes.

According to "The Daily Telegraph's" correspondent at Calumet, where the copper miners, chiefly foreigners, have been on strike for five months, and the distribution is consequently keen, the death list consists of twenty-four girls, thirty women, twenty-one boys, and five men—total eighty. That is the corrected total to-day, and by to-morrow there will probably be a small addition, accounted for by deaths of the severely injured. The latter, however, are not numerous.

At the time of the panic, the miners were searching the city from end to end for the man who raised the cry of fire. A Mrs. Oger, who stated him as he showed the fatal word, has given an excellent description of the man. Some say he was an Austrian miner, and all agree that he wore a beard. "Whether he was drunk, mad, or simply recklessly criminal cannot yet be ascertained."

CRUSHED MINERS.

The city is in a state bordering on anarchy over the appalling disaster. The miners, embittered by their long struggle and in a penniless condition, are desperate, especially those who have lost relatives in the panic. The seriousness of the situation is intensified by the charge, which is freely made, that the man who started the panic was a member of the Citizens' Alliance, a body recently organized to preserve order in the mining district. The charge is strongly denied.

It is estimated that 700 persons were in the hall when the panic took place, and from the time when the infuriated stampede commenced until it ended not more than five minutes elapsed—some say ten. A miner dressed as Santa Claus was taking down presents from the large, gaily decorated Christmas tree, the children had gathered in the main aisle ready to march to the platform to receive gifts, the older people were looking on with amusement at the antics of Father Christmas. Suddenly an unknown man thrust his head in the rear door and shouted "Fire!" A charge of dynamite thrown into the crowded room could not have created greater dismay or confusion.

For a moment almost everybody except a few women and fewer men became dazed creatures and method panicked towards that narrow stairway, and full door, which was almost instantly jammed with flying bodies, doomed to die. The scene was horrible. Two men climbed over those ahead of them in the scramble to reach the door. The main aisle was filled with children, they were caught between two men snatched

from the sides, and borne shrieking on a rushing, screaming, surging human tide FROM MIRTH TO TRAGEDY.

The alarm was spread outside the hall by a few persons who had been near the door and escaped unhurt, a crowd soon assembled, and the work of clearing the hall began. When the exit was cleared of the bodies that filled it to the top, and a quick accounting was made, people stood shame-faced and horror-stricken. Excited men and women stood about the building, some dazed by the sudden change from holiday festivities to tragedy, others calling hysterically for a missing child, and a few even threatening violence to the rescuers for keeping them back from the long row placed within 200 ft. of the building.

American newspapers devote their Christmas pages to heartrending accounts and episodes of Calumet's great tragedy. I forbear from burdening your columns with many of the details, which are almost too horrible to recount. In every essential feature there was not much difference between this sacrifice on Christmas Eve and similar disasters which have occurred here and elsewhere, and which, apparently, cannot be entirely prevented, even when the stairways are less narrow than those in the Calumet hall. One poignant feature is that the little children trampled to death by their elders had been enduring very hard times for months—they and the women were the chief victims of the great miners' strike—and for weeks they had been joyfully anticipating the celebration of Christmas Eve, with unlimited jam and cake provided by subscription, followed by the distribution of cheap toys. Men and women fought each other to get down the narrow stairways into the street; they clambered over one another and crushed those beneath them, crushed more children than grown-ups, because it was mainly a children's party, and because the little ones had no chance. They could not get fast enough; they were torn down, suffocated, trampled to death, and over their bodies and the bodies of their parents, heaped and choking the exit space, swarmed hundreds of others, crawling, dawdling, fighting their way, climbing over the dead, and so escaping.

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All the reports agree that the exit doors were opened; there were no locked doors to add to the tragedy. The stairs, except for the landing, which was small, were relatively unobstructed.

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MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,

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Hongkong, Jan. 13, 1914.

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THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-SIXTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Company Limited on WEDNESDAY the 25th January 1914 at noon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors together with the statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1913.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be closed from TUESDAY 20th to WEDNESDAY 25th January 1914 (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered. By Order of the Board of Directors.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,

Secretary.

Hongkong, Jan. 13, 1914.

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HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, Limited will be held at the premises of that Company, Federal Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong on WEDNESDAY the 25th day of January, 1914, at 12.30 o'clock, in the afternoon, when the proposed Resolution (which was proposed at and submitted to the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 25th October, 1913 and which was passed at the Poll taken as directed at such Meeting on the 10th day of January, 1914) will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution:—

"That the following new Article be inserted in the Company's Articles of Association after Article 10 thereof:—

"10a. The Company shall pay dividend, in respect of any existing or new shares of the Company, in proportion to the amount paid up on each share who a larger amount is paid up on some shares than on others."

Dated this 12th day of January, 1914.

By order of the Board of Directors  
J. H. TAGGART,  
Acting Secretary,  
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Hongkong, Jan. 12, 1914.

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£22,561,288.

I—Authorized Capital 25,000,000.

Subscribed Capital 24,500,000.

Paid-up Capital 24,500,000.

II—Fire Fund 1,899,114.

III—Life & Annuity Funds 16,134,160.

Striking Fund Account 88,612.

£24,561,288.

Revenues Fire branch 1,567,158.

Life and Annuity 1,973,269.

Revenues Marine Department 223,693.

Other Receipts 430,193.

£2,323,313.

The Accumulative Funds of the various

Branches are separately invested, and, by

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Hongkong, Jan. 19, 1914.

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#### QUEEN'S COLLEGE PRIZE DAY.

(Continued from page 4.)

The Typhoon of the 18th and 17th August unlocked a certain amount of the lead sheeting on the roof, letting quite a flood of rain-water into our Hall; the damage was quickly made good by the P.W.D.

The Students' Hostel, in Bridges Street, like many things at the start, seems unaccountably to lack the support it needs. Only 10 Queen's College boys so far have resided there. There is accommodation for 20 boarders, and it appears strange that this has not been fully applied for. The charges are extremely moderate, and the value given is certainly excellent. The supervision that resident students get is exactly that which young men need: while association with their fellow residents in the every day life of such an institution cannot fail to have valuable effects on character and training. The Hostel playing area has been available for our boys, regularly, for Volley Ball and other games.

Our Hall has been placed at the disposal of the Y.M.C.A. for Bible Study on Sunday afternoons. This Class started on the last Sunday in the year, when some thirty students attended.

"The Yellow Dragon" still continues its unobtrusive career. There was at one time a suggestion to change both the name and characteristic cover, but on closer consideration, this was not done. Its contributions come from widely separated parts of the world, and its columns bear evidence of the good work that our old boys have done, and are still doing, in various spheres of duty.

In stereotyped phrase, we again tender our warmest thanks to the many regular donors to our Prize Fund. This year, unfortunately, owing to a binders' strike, the books ordered from England, and which represent the large bulk of the prizes offered, have been delayed, and have not reached the Colony in time for to-day's ceremony. Many Prize winners will thus only receive an envelope, production of which during the early days of February, will entitle them to receive their deferred prizes. The delay, unavoidable as it is, is to be further regretted, as the generosity of our donors had enabled an unusually handsome order for prizes to be given.

A full list of our donors, with the amount or nature of the gift, is now posted up on the Announcement Board within the Entrance, and will subsequently appear in "The Yellow Dragon."

The following is the prize list:

**CLASS 1.**  
Pun In-tat, (a) Senior Morrison Scholar, (b) Belilos Mathematical Prize, (c) U. Rumjahn Literature Prize, (d) Special Translation Prize, E. to C., (e) History Prize, (f) Senior Oxford Certificate, (g) Certificate for exemption from Resolutions, (h) Third Class Honours and Distinction in Classical Chinese.

**CLASS 2.**  
Ng Ki-chung, (a) Stewart Scholarship, (b) H. H. Rumjahn, (c) Senior Belilos, (d) Ralph Proctor Medal, (e) Macdonald Memorial Prize, (f) Aroull Composition Prize, (g) Senior Oxford Certificate, (h) History Prize 1. B., (i) Composition 1. B., (j) Vernacular Oxford Class 1st Prize.

**CLASS 3.**  
Ho Nai-shin, (a) Wright Scholarship, (b) Senior Oxford Certificate.

**CLASS 4.**  
Lu Tak-chung, (a) First Prize 1. A., (b) Senior Oxford Certificate with Distinction in Classical Chinese.

**CLASS 5.**  
Ngan Shai-long, (a) Second Prize 1. A.

**CLASS 6.**  
Sin I. Kun, (a) First Prize 1. A., (b) Aroull, (c) History Prize, (d) Second Prize 1. A.

**CLASS 7.**  
Yung Man-kam, (a) First Prize 1. B., (b) Aroull, (c) Second Prize 1. B.

**CLASS 8.**  
Yung Pui-chung, (a) First Prize 1. C., (b) History Prize 1. C., (c) Special Translation Prize C. to E.

**CLASS 9.**  
Chiu Chu-san, (a) Second Prize 1. C., (b) Composition Prize 1. C.

**CLASS 10.**  
Lai Im-long, (a) Pupil Teachers' Prize.

**CLASS 11.**  
Lai Yee-sun, (a) Ho Tung Scholarship, (b) History Prize 2A.

**CLASS 12.**  
Tang Shu-shan, (a) Ho Kong Tong Scholarship, (b) Oxford Junior Certificate.

**CLASS 13.**  
Sui Ho-ming, (a) First Prize 2A, (b) Oxford Junior Certificate.

**CLASS 14.**  
Lai Yee-sun, (a) Ho Tung Scholarship, (b) History Prize 2A.

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Tang Shu-shan, (a) Ho Kong Tong Scholarship, (b) Oxford Junior Certificate.

**CLASS 19.**  
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**CLASS 20.**  
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**CLASS 21.**  
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Lai Yee-sun, (a) Ho Tung Scholarship, (b) History Prize 2A.

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**CLASS 34.**  
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**CLASS 35.**  
Lai Yee-sun, (a) Ho Tung Scholarship, (b) History Prize 2A.

### His Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	I.H.P.	Commander.	Last report on
Alacrity	despatch vessel	1650	2	2000	Comdr. Archibald Cochrane	Hongkong
Atlas	Admiralty tug	—	—	—	—	Hongkong
Bramble	river gunboat	710	2	900	IA-Comdr. B. & Pritchard	Shanghai
Britomart	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lieut. Comdr. W. H. Darwall	Shanghai
Cadmus	aloop	1070	6	1400	Capt. H. P. E. T. Williams	Shanghai
C' almer	torpedo boat destroyer	550	4	7500	Lieut. H. T. England	Mine Bay
Cherub	water tank and tug	390	—	300	—	Hongkong
Clio	aloop	1070	6	1400	Comdr. Colin Mackenzie, D.S.O.	Shanghai
Colne	torpedo boat destroyer	550	4	7500	Lieut. M. B. Birkett	Hongkong
Fame	torpedo boat destroyer	380	—	6700	Lieut. C. M. Blackman	Hongkong
Hampshire	cruiser, 1st class	10,850	10	20,500	Capt. M. R. Hill	Cruising
Jed	torpedo boat destroyer	550	4	7500	Lieut. G. F. A. Mulock	Hongkong
Kennet	torpedo boat destroyer	550	4	7500	Lieut. E. K. Boddam-Wheatham	Hongkong
Kinsha	river gunboat	218	4	1200	IA-Comdr. H. D. Marryat	Yangtze
Merlin	aloop	1040	—	—	Capt. F. C. C. Pasco	Hongkong
Minotaur	cruiser, 1st class	14,600	—	27,000	Capt. E. B. Kiddle	Hongkong
Mooreen	river gunboat	180	—	900	IA-Com. Alan Dixon	West River
Newcastle	cruiser, 2nd class	4800	12	22,000	Capt. Frederick A. Fowlett	Shanghai
Nightingale	river gunboat	85	—	240	Lieut. Com. Malcolm Murray	Yangtze River
Ribble	torpedo boat destroyer	590	—	7500	Lieut. R. W. Wilkinson	Mine Bay
Rosario	depot ship, submarine	750	—	1400	Lieut. F. A. N. Cromie	Hongkong
Robin	river gunboat	85	—	240	IA-Comdr. Nash	West River
Sandpiper	river gunboat	85	—	240	IA-Com. I. A. S. Hutton	Mine Bay
Snipe	river gunboat	85	—	240	IA-Comdr. Maurice B. Loebl	Yangtze River
Tamar	receiving ship	6550	—	—	Commodore R. H. Anstruther, O.M.C.	Hongkong
Tal	river gunboat	180	—	900	IA-Comdr. Hon. G. Sturford	Upper Yangtze River
Thistle	river gunboat	710	—	900	IA-Com. H. R. N. Cottrill-Dormer	Cruising
Triumph	battleship	11,985	18	12,500	Capt. P. Strathfield, M.V.O.	Hongkong
Uk	torpedo boat destroyer	590	—	7500	IA-Comdr. Maxwell	Hongkong
Welland	torpedo boat destroyer	590	—	7500	Comdr. Seymour	Hongkong
Widgeon	river gunboat	195	—	800	IA-Com. J. O. F. Barrett	Upper Yangtze River
Woodcock	river gunboat	150	—	500	IA-Com. M. Blackwood	Yangtze River
Woodlark	river gunboat	150	—	500	IA-Comdr. Lloyd	Yangtze River
Yarmouth	light cruiser	2520	—	22,000	Capt. H. L. Cochrane	Shanghai
C.38	submarine	—	—	—	IA-Comdr. F. J. McGillewie	Hongkong
C.37	submarine	—	—	—	IA-Comdr. J. Gaimon	Hongkong
C.38	submarine	—	—	—	IA-Comdr. R. K. C. Pope	Hongkong
.038	torpedo boat	—	—	—	IA-Comdr. Handley	Hongkong
.036	torpedo boat	—	—	—	IA-Comdr. Barton	West River
.037	torpedo boat	—	—	—	IA-Comdr. Nicol	West River
.038	torpedo boat	—	—	—	IA-Comdr. H. W. Seymour	Hongkong

\* Flagship of Vice-Admiral T. H. M. Jerram, R.C.B., Commander-in-Chief.

### Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and description.	Tons.	Guns.	I.H.P.	Captain.	Last report on
Kaiserin Elisabeth	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	4000	—	—	Capt. Makovitz	Foochow
Dupleix	French armoured cruiser	10,014	30	20,000	Capt. Daveluy	Hongkong
Kleber	French armoured cruiser	9730	13	18,800	Capt. Gouta	Saigon
Montcalm	French flagship	9600	—	—	Capt. de Vaisseau	Saigon
Decidie	French gunboat	645	10	1900	Lieut. Vandier	Saigon
Argus	French river gunboat	180	8	570	Lieut. Dordet	Canton
Vigilante	French gunboat	123	7	500	Lieut. de Jerville	Canton
Païho	French gunboat	130	—	—	Lieut. Collin	Tonghai
Dondard de Lagree	French gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. Dupuy Dutaupne	Tchong-Kie
Lynx	French sub-marine	—	—	—	Lieut. Boluix	Saigon
Protee	French sub-marine	—	—	—	—	Saigon
* Styx	French armoured gunboat	1798	10	1700	Lieut. Guillaume-Louis	Saigon
Fronda	French destroyer	350	7	303	Lieut. Anillat	Saigon
Yborville	French destroyer	—	—	—	Capt. de Frigate Bonisse	Saigon
Pistolet	French destroyer	150	7	300	Comdr. de Marquisar	Saigon
Mousquet	French destroyer	307	8	300	—	Saigon
Manche	French surveying ship	1625	10	8000	Comdr. Voisin	Saigon
Kunden	German cruiser	3600	22	13,500	Capt. v. Rastorf	Hongkong
Gnisenau	German armoured cruiser	11,600	38	24,000	Captain Brunninghaus	Lingao
Ilia	German gunboat	900	12	1300	Comdr. v. Gohren	Shanghai
Jaguar	German gunboat	900	12	1300	Comdr. Vanselow	Tsingtau
Leipzig	German cruiser	3350	24	11,000	Capt. Behncke	Tsingtau
Luchs	German gunboat	900	10	1250	Comdr. Bendemann	Tsingtau
Nürnberg	German cruiser	3400	22	13,200	Capt. Mörner	Tsingtau
Other	German river gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Lieut. Frie	Yangtze River
Scharnhorst	German flagship	11,600	36	26,000	Capt. von Schultz	Tsingtau
S. 90	German torpedo-boat	400	8	5500	Capt. Lieut. Barrenberg	Tsingtau
Taku	German torpedo-boat	290	4	6000	Objt. z. S. Classen	Tsingtau
Tiger	German gunboat	900	10	1350	Comdr. Böcker	Tsingtau
Tingtau	German river gunboat	223	4	1300	Capt. von Möller	Canton
Vaterland	German river gunboat	223	4	600	Objt. z. S. Prinz	Shanghai
Calabria	Italian cruiser	2145	—	—	Comdr. Sommi Piccardi	Shanghai
Adamastor	Portuguese cruiser	1757	—	—	Capt. Anibal de S. Dias	Macao
Patris	Portuguese gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Martins	Macao
Patris	Portuguese gunboat	700	—	—	Captain José de Carvalho Orto	Macao

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Bainbridge	U. S. torpedo-boat-destroyer	420	7	8000	Ensign H. A. Jones	Cavite
2, Barry	U. S. torpedo-boat-destroyer	420	7	8000	Lieut. R. Hill	Cavite
Callao	U. S. gunboat	243	8	250	Ensign W. L. Heiberg	Canton
Chauncey	U. S. torpedo-boat-destroyer	420	7	8000	Lieut. F. J. Fletcher	Cavite
Cincinnati	U. S. protected cruiser	3183	11	10,000	Comdr. S. S. Robinson	Cruising
Dale	U. S. torpedo-boat-destroyer	420	7	8000	Lieut. C. A. Woodruff	Cavite
Decatur	U. S. torpedo-boat-destroyer	420	7	8000	Lieut. B. H. Green	Cavite
El Cano	U. S. gunboat	650	4	800	Lt. Comdr. S. Gannon	Shanghai
Holmes	U. S. gunboat	1892	8	1988	Comdr. G. R. Marvell	Shanghai
Mohican	U. S. station ship	1900	6	1100	Lieut. R. V. Lowe	Cavite
Monadnock	U. S. monitor	3990	6	3000	Lt. E. P. Starr	Olongapo
Monterey	U. S. monitor	4034	4	6277	Commander J. V. Chase	Olongapo
Pampanga	U. S. gunboat	243	8	—	Lieut. B. B. Taylor	Cavite
Piscataqua	U. S. sea going tug	854	2	1600	Lieut. S. W. Wallace	Canton
Pompey	U. S. Repair ship	2085	—	—	Lieut. W. O. Wallace	Cavite
Quincy	U. S. gunboat	350	9	308	Lieut. J. J. Hanzigan	Shanghai
Rainbow	U. S. cruiser	4380	14	1800	Lt. Comdr. D. W. Wurtzbaugh	Swatow
Samat	U. S. gunboat	243	8	250	Lt. G. C. Dickman	Shanghai
* Saratoga	U. S. armored cruiser	8115	14	17,401	Comdr. H. A. Wiley	Swatow
Via Shen	U. S. gunboat	371	9	270	Lieut. F. J. Farr	Shanghai
White night	U. S. gunboat	1367	6	1500	Comdr. J. F. Hubbard	Brylcase
Yosemite	U. S. tug	463	—	650	Chief Boatsw. P. E. Radcliffe	Olongapo



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independence of Bokhara. There is a popular view of the Mongolian situation which, like many other popular views, is a wrong one. It pictures Mongolia as having been for many years subjected to a continuous encroachment on the part of China. The Chinese, it is said, steadily dispossessed the Mongolian of his land, pushed him ever further and further north, and generally oppressed him, until a hereditary dislike grew into a bitter hatred, and this in its turn begot a determination to be free. For the Manchu, it is contended, the Mongolian had some little respect but when the Manchu was overthrown he would have none of the Chinese republic. He took the tide of his affairs at the flood; declared his country autonomous, and asked Russia to defend his land and liberty. The Cossack as the protector of a neighbour's land and liberty is an interesting figure, and when St. Petersburg telegraphed its "first ultimatum to Peking, in the early days of 1911, it was the explanation which the world was invited to accept. "Mongolia for the Mongolians" was a cry to catch the world's sympathy. No doubt it appeared in the inspired columns of the St. Petersburg press long before it was heard in the streets of Urga, but Russia quickly secured that it should be heard there, with the necessary frequency, and then she commenced to negotiate agreements with the "new state." This is the history of the now famous Urga convention, continues the "Monitor." It gives Russia the right to import, export and trade free of all duties whatsoever. It enables Russian banks to establish branches anywhere. It gives Russian subjects access to all rivers and roads, and the use, free of charge, of grazing lands for their flocks for three months wherever they happen to be. It gives Russia the right to establish mixed courts with jurisdiction over Russian subjects, and most important and most eagerly sought of all, it entitles Russia to appoint consuls in charge of trade settlements and to confer consular power upon her own merchants wherever she likes. Russia has the country in the hollow of her hand. The Mongolian is no trader in any but the crudest sense. Until the advent of the Russian merchant, the trade was in the hands of the Chinese; and at this moment most of the shops in Urga itself are labelled with Chinese characters. The gradual squeezing out of the Chinese merchant, however, is a process with which Russia is familiar; and the rest is easy. As to the international significance of it all, it lies not in Mongolia itself but in China. Russia's territorial ideal is ever ahead. Each new acquisition is never anything more than a means. As the result of over 100 years of the most brilliant scheming which the world has ever seen, with one ambition as a prime objective, Russia still finds herself without an all-the-year port. In spite of the Greek chorus from all the powers affirming the integrity of China, there can be little doubt that the word "Partition" has been often whispered, and as it comes to be spoken more openly the powers close in as they watch each other's move. Russia for many years has been preparing and is still preparing. It is hard to see how she can ever break through to her objective on the China sea; but the Russian officer in the cafes of St. Petersburg, if you asked him, would reply, "You never can tell," with as much faith in its soundness, as a rule thought, as was ever entertained by William Boelin. It is just here that the question leaves the narrow limits of domesticity and spreads its wings into the wider reach of international concern. Russia has moved a long way since the treaty of Portsmouth. Not much, it is true, along the line of true progress, but she has put on much military strength. Her great Siberian line has at last been double tracked. She is building a new fleet. In spite of all oppression her trade increases by leaps and bounds, and every rouble that can be spent on the army. Russia does not want war with Japan, any more than Japan does with Russia; but the Russian diplomatist, in spite of Japan's demand for a renewal of the lease from China, finds it hard to keep his eyes from straying every now and again towards Port Arthur. He remembers that the mountains which roll up behind it look down, even in the depths of winter, upon an open bay. "You never can tell," he says to himself, "you never can tell." So Russia strengthens her position in Mongolia, and with that extraordinary ability for stage management which is so characteristic of her diplomacy, she carries through her every move. Mongolian Missions travel to St. Petersburg to lay their case before the Tsar, and they bring with them gifts and are graciously received. And the world is invited to accept the missions as representative of the Mongolian people. Again and again it has been insisted that Mongolia has literally no central government. Scotland 400 years ago, with its dozens of opposing clans was immeasurably nearer a national consciousness than Mongolia to-day. It is

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The German gunboat Luchs and the Portuguese gunboat Macao were at Macao on Sunday.

Vice-Admiral Stokes, a former Hong-Commodore, has just vacated the post of Admiral-Superintendent of Devonport dockyard.

Mr. E. Pabney, charged with failing to cancel receipt stamps, was defended by Mr. Lewis, of Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master, and the summons was dismissed.

Mr. H. S. Martin, the newly appointed vice-Governor General of the Philippines, arrived here by the Pacific Mail Mongolia with Mrs. and Miss Martin en route for Manila.

Six Chinese succumbed to plague last week and one other case occurred. Three British and two Chinese cases of diphtheria were the only other notifications of infectious disease.

A graphic account of the terrible tragedy that occurred at Calumet, Michigan, on Christmas Day (news of which was wired us by Reuters on Boxing Day); will be found on pages 3 and 5.

A collision occurred at 11.15 a.m. on Saturday between the steam launch Shun Sum and Hoi Yuen near the Wing Lok Street wharf, the former boat being damaged to the extent of about \$100.

At the Magistracy this morning a scold, who was defended by Mr. Haywood, of Mr. Leo D'Almeida's office, was remanded on a charge of stealing four tins of kerosene from Hung Hom station, bail being allowed in the sum of \$100.

Vice-President Li Yuan-hung is reported to have told the President that his monthly salary of \$60, 00 was too much in view of the present bad financial condition. He wants only \$20,000 a month as his salary.—Peking Daily News.

In the "Military Notes," which we reproduced the other day from the "L. & C. Express," it was stated that the 5th Light Infantry from India were to be sent to Hongkong. This is incorrect as the regiment is proceeding to Singapore.

The following is taken from the "By-ander"—"Racing people are interested in the news that the turf is promised a new recruit in Mr. H. E. Morris, a wealthy young Englishman whose business keeps him at present in Ceylon. He caused much attention recently by giving the record price of 3,000 guineas for a colt foal by Bayard out of Chesnut Cat. This notable investment is likely to be followed by others in the same direction. Mr. Morris's horses will be trained by Sam Darling at Bathampton, and they could not be in better hands. The turf would welcome a few more recruits of the best type, for several gaps in the ranks have lately occurred.

### CHINESE STUDENT IN TROUBLE

At the Criminal Sessions yesterday, before His Honour Mr. Justice Gompertz (Pulse Judge) and a jury, a Chinese student named Chan Ting, alias Chan "K", was found guilty of forging an endorsement to a bill of exchange for \$1,000 drawn on the International Banking Corporation. The jury, in returning a verdict of guilty, recommended the accused to leniency, and his lordship, in view of that recommendation, sentenced him to six months' imprisonment.

### ORGAN RECITAL

Mr. Denman Fuller, F.R.C.O., L.R.A.M., gave another Organ Recital at St. John's Cathedral, last night. There was a fairly large congregation. The programme comprised several organ solos, by Mr. Denman Fuller, two trios in which the organist was assisted by Mr. S. Vermeij (violin) and Mr. de Jurel (cello). The combined effect was very pleasing, all three performing with much skill. As usual, Mr. Denman Fuller presided at the organ very ably.

### FORTY YEARS AT LLOYD'S.

Mr. Robert Rutherford, who is well known in shipping and mercantile circles as editor of "Lloyd's Weekly Shipping Index," will shortly retire from the service of the committee of Lloyd's. He has been forty years at Lloyd's, and has edited the "Weekly Index" for twenty-five years.

consequently literally impossible for Russia to claim, as she does, that in her present course of action she is supporting the just aspirations of the Mongolian people. "When you reach the top of one hill there is always another beyond." Russia is reaching the top of the hill in Mongolia. Beyond her is the great wall, and beyond the great wall, China—and the open sea. "The scramble for China may never come," murmurs the Russian as he looks over the gray Mongolian plain towards the great wall, which to-day, as a thousand years ago, winds its way to the horizon on either hand, "but then again it may, and it is well to be ready."

## AN IMPRESSION OF HONGKONG.

Mr. A. Hugh Fisher, who contributed to the "Illustrated London News" of December 20 last a short article descriptive of Hongkong has managed to convey in the little space at his disposal quite a fair idea of the Colony as it strikes the casual visitor. The article is illustrated by a number of sketches of Chinese types in the streets and theatres, by two half-page pencil pictures depicting the heart of the city (which, by the way, conveys a rather poor impression of the Peak; and the lower levels from the Post Office to Wanchai. We reproduce Mr. Hugh Fisher's article below.

I reached Hongkong in dull, grey weather on the day of the Chinese New Year. When the island was ceded to her Britannic Majesty in perpetuity by the treaty of Nanking in 1842 the chief inhabitants were a small species of deer, several kinds of snakes and a few fishermen. To-day, under the security of British rule, it includes the Kowloon portion of the mainland acquired by the Peking Convention of 1860, and the New Territories in the southern part of the Kwangtung province leased in 1898, the human population is more than 400,000, of whom only 20,000 are Europeans. But on the day of my arrival the most industrious people in the world were making holiday. Not a sumpson moved in all the ten square miles of the magnificent harbour, not a shop was open in the great city of Victoria which covers the northern shore of the island facing the mainland. The air, however, was filled by anything but Sabbath calm, and a stranger might easily have supposed, so insistent was the banging of cruckers all over the city, that some kind of revolution was afoot. All day long these Chinese cruckers banged and barged, for the orthodox celebration necessitated the firing in front of every house and shop of a gigantic composite cracker suspended from an upper floor by a cable, and containing in its serpentine length a thousand small charges, which took from ten to fifteen minutes to burn through and covered the roadway beneath with a litter of red paper. All the people out of doors wore their best clothes, and the children had new year day caps decorated with small gilt figures of Chinese saints or deities. Being built upon such very steep slopes Victoria is an extremely picturesque city, and whether you look up from below or down from above there is always an added view of sharp perspective. The richshaws, the chairs and their bearers add to the interest of the streets, and the coolie rain-coats of dried palm leaves are as strange looking as the scarlet liveries of the Governor's chairmen are gorgeous. The Peak, reached easily by a cable tramway, rises to 2,600 feet, and the upper part is the most healthy situation in which to live, open as it is to the sea breezes of the south-east monsoon. There are many residences there, but so moist is the air through the summer that a drying room is a feature of every house. With the chief of police, who never went out without a copy of the "Golden Treasury," from which he was learning by heart Stanley's "Ode to the west wind," I started one morning in a launch. Steaming westward we passed the hospital ship Ighite, the plague hospital on shore beyond it, and further on West Point, dark with small fir trees except for ornamental patches of grass shining on the lower slopes of the hill. Another ten minutes brought us to Aberdeen and its paper mills on the south side of Hongkong Island. The mainland rice is exported from here, and here also is the Bangkok rice, preferred by the natives, is imported. The street at Aberdeen had nothing that was European about it. The rows of Chinese shops bore the typical signboards with huge characters—the equivalents for such words as "Fat, sugar and miscellaneous goods dealers," "Fruit stores," etc., and from more than one stall came that delicious odour of crackling celebrated in Charles Lamb's most famous essay. Continuing the journey on the launch we passed junks returning from their morning's fishing with all canvas spread. We saw the gold links of Deepwater Bay, and rounding the corner landed in rougher waters in the fishing village of Stanley, where the British troops disembarked in 1840. This is the place where it was originally intended to build the city, an intention of which the only memorial is the remains of an old cantonment. We had left the launch to go back without us and started along the Stanley road for what the Stanley enthusiast declared one of the best walks in the island, coming back to Victoria by Shekwan and above the eastern passage of the harbour by the Lyceum Pass, where much quarrying of stone goes on. One evening I went to a Chinese theatre, where a play was being given with the Elizabethan simplicity of presentation still in vogue on the Chinese stage. It was a play about foxes and a hunter, and most of the dramatic personae were characters of the ruffian genus, a fox's brush being generally introduced into their headgear as a significant detail of their costume. The female parts were all played by men who appeared tall above the average human height, raised upon a kind of platform disguised into the shape of women's small feet. The jokes were obviously to the taste of the audience, but I could not follow them, yet was well content with the quaint gestures, the wild costumes, the naive way in which the actors reloaded their make-up before a table at the back of the stage in full view of the audience, and the primitive substitutes for scenery, with descriptive placards. No space is left me for any

## TURF TOPICS.

As stated in yesterday's issue of the "China Mail," the entries for the next Race Meeting in February are very satisfactory. The largest number of ponies entered for any one race is 52 for the Nid Dependantum Stakes, the last race on the third day. The Hongkong Handicap, to be run on the Off Day, has 51 entries. For the Derby and the Challenge Cup the number of ponies entered are 18 and 14 respectively; of which we give the full lists below; also the number of ponies entered for each race—

First Day: Wong-wei-chong Stakes 42, Maiden Stakes 17, Victoria Stakes 17, Valley Stakes 40, Hongkong Griffin Stakes 16, Fochow Cup 17, Trial Plate 16, Garrison Cup, 38, Professional Cup 20, Jockey Club Stakes 18, Racing Stakes 40.

Second Day: Jockey Cup 46, Exchange Plate 15.

HONGKONG DERBY 18.  
Mr. Giffin's Sir Galahad,  
Mr. Kadoorie's Saxon Chief,  
Mr. Kadoorie's Nigerian Chief,  
Mr. Kadoorie's Roman Chief,  
Mr. McLeod's Luotza Hop,  
Mr. Norman's Pak Kwai,  
Sir Paul Chater's Crown Aster,  
Sir Paul Chater's Jewel Aster,  
Sir Paul Chater's Britannia Dahlia,  
Mr. John Peel's Annan,  
Mr. John Peel's Locherbie,  
Mr. John Peel's Noffat,  
Mr. John Peel's Duntrie,  
Mr. Scurry's Potkalini,  
Mr. Scurry's Banjolini,  
Mr. Stabb's Malfard,  
Mr. Stabb's Kaashun,  
German Cup 46, China Stakes 31, Lusitano Cup 10.

CHALLENGE CUP 14.  
Mr. Brutton's Radiant II,  
Mr. Brutton's Suvinton,  
Capt. Hop's Capello,  
Mr. Hough's Sponadrop,  
Mr. Kadoorie's Fijian Chief,  
Mr. Kadoorie's Maharrat Chief,  
Sir Paul Chater's Royal Rose,  
Sir Paul Chater's Sunlight,  
Sir Paul Chater's Conqueror Aster (late Truff),  
Sir Paul Chater's Triumph Aster (late Flock),  
Mr. John Peel's President (late Twenty),  
Mr. John Peel's Fiddle Bird,  
Mr. Sedgwick's Sweet William,  
Royal Navy Cup 48, Black Rock Stakes 18, Gymkhana Club Cup 43, Northern Stakes 16.

Third Day: Grand Stand Stakes, 20, Great Southern Stakes, 19, Hongkong Stakes 45, Ladies' Purse 20, American Cup, 21, Phaeton Stakes 28, Governor's Cup 45, Monarch Stakes 16, Champion Stakes for winners, 40, the meeting only, Constellation Stakes 41, Nil Dependantum Stakes 52.

Off Day: Tytan Handicap 16, Hongkong Handicap 51.  
The full programme for the meeting was published in our issue of Dec. 23.

description of the new territories on the mainland with the new railway, the lovely scenery of the Saddleback and the mountains of the Eight Spirits, or of my host there, the residents magistrate, who tempers exile with the companionship of a complete edition of Roman and a dog of extreme wisdom but doubtful origin which has been described as being "not too big, and white."

### CANTON NOTES.

(By Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, Jan. 19.  
Very little of interest has occurred on Shamen during the past week. There was a dance at the German Consulate, attended by the officers of H.I.G.M.S. "Luch," which vessel's band provided the music for the evening. The band also played one evening on the Recreation Ground, from 5 to 6.30.

A Football Match between the Cadets and Shamen resulted in a comparatively easy win for the latter, although there were one or two exciting rushes.

On Wednesday night a Cinematograph show was given on behalf of the Roman Catholic Chapel on Shamen, which must have resulted in considerable benefit to the chapel, the show being very well supported. Not only were all the usual seats taken, but extra ones had to be provided.

We hear that both the present representatives of the Taikoo Hong, Messrs. Always and Chadwick, have been transferred and will leave shortly; the former going to Swatow and the latter to Tientsin. It has not yet been reported who will succeed them.

The population has been increased by one, a son being born to Mr. W. C. D. Turner, Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

The German community are making great preparations for celebrating the Kaiser's Birthday in a befitting manner, and the usual reception at the Consulate, followed by sports for the sailors in the afternoon, will take place.

Affairs in the city are much as usual, and from general indications it seems that Chinese New Year will be celebrated in the usual way.

### GROUP.

EVERY young child is susceptible to croup. Don't wait until this dreadful disease attacks your little one before you prepare for it. It comes in the night when chemist's shops are usually closed and this alone should be a warning. Get and keep Chamberlain's Cough Remedy on hand. It never fails, acts quickly and is absolutely harmless. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

## SPORTING.

### FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG SHIELD COMPETITION.  
A meeting in connection with this competition was held in the office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson, and Co., yesterday evening, Mr. A. Hamilton presiding over a fair attendance. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read, but no accounts were submitted. Some doubt was expressed as to the intention of the H. M. Ships, "Minotaur" and "Yarmouth" joining, but they were put in the ballot, and the draw resulted—

(A) H.M.S. Minotaur v. Hongkong Club.  
(B) H.M.S. Yarmouth v. D.C.L.I.  
(C) R.E. v. H.M.S. Tamar  
(D) Hongkong Police v. R.G.A.

The first round is to be played by February 14. Winner of (A) versus winner of (B) by March 7. Winner of (C) versus winner of (D) by March 14. The final will be played on March 23. The Hongkong F. A. will appoint referees, and those who desire payment will be paid the usual fee.

### Association.

R.G.A. v. H.M.S. Tamar.  
These teams played their return United Services League match on Naval ground on Saturday. Teams—

R.G.A.—Moore; Langford, Court; Westbrook, Mullin, Perry; Dallman, Draper, Crane, Swan, Pinchard.  
H.M.S. Tamar—Heitzman; Hurdin, McNeill; Ware, Clements, Baird; Jones, Nicholas, Adams, Davis, Basaloga.  
Referee, Mr. A. P. Storrie.

Play opened rather slow, the sailors, first warning to their work. While the gunners had a stroke of bad luck, Court being so badly hurt he left the field for good. Despite this handicap the sailors played up well and Dallman, after some good forward play, scored. Rawlings and Adams were workers in the sailors' front rank but Mullin was a dour defender. The navy men had no more than their due when Nicholls equalised with a lovely shot. Play to the interval was slightly in favour of the gunners for whom Swan did some fine work. Half time score—R.G.A. 1; H.M.S. Tamar, 1.

The second half proved more even than the score would suggest. Swan scored a fine goal for the gunners and after Langford had upset Adams at the other end the gunners returned and Swan scored again. The sailors seemed unable to get in a shot capable of beating at average custodian and Moore had little difficulty in repelling shots from Rawlings and Nicholls. The Referee came in for a lot of criticism mainly from the sailors. With about fifteen minutes to go Crane netted again for the sailors who won with the result—R.G.A. 3 4; H.M.S. Tamar, 1.

### STAFF AND DEPARTMENTS. D.C.L.I. BROTHERS.

These ten played a 2nd Division United Services League match at Happy Valley on Saturday and, being the two bottom clubs, made both keen on securing the points. Teams—

Staff and Department—Bartholomew; Shipton, Taylor; Woods, Strang, Pritchett; Hines, Roberts, Hooper, Davies, Dickson.

D.C.L.I. Brothers—Godings; Palmer, Golding; Kirby, Clarke, Woods; Walls, Looney, Cutmore, Fisher, Jackson.

Referee, Mr. Woods.

Hooper started for the Staff but the Brothers were the first to make a decisive move towards goal getting and Taylor regulated them in goal. Hooper did some neat dribbling and, after Davies had assisted him to get within range, a pass to Roberts brought the first goal. Walls was very tricky on the Brothers' right and a centre from him nearly brought about the downfall of the Staff goal but Bartholomew saved well. Just before the interval Fisher centred and Hooper headed a fine second goal for the Staff. The teams changed ends for the second half.

Staff and Department, 2; D.C.L.I. Brothers, 0.

On resuming the Brothers attacked strongly and before long they reduced the lead, Jackson profiting by a misunderstanding, and scoring with a fast ground shot. The Brothers had rather the best of it but Cutmore and Looney both had good efforts repulsed by Bartholomew. At the other end Davies hit the bar with a long drive and near the finish the Brothers all but equalised. Result—

Staff and Department, 2; D.C.L.I. Brothers, 1.

### Royal Hongkong Golf Club.

#### JANUARY CAPTAIN'S CUP RESULT.

Played on the 10th, 11th and 12th January.

#### CUP.

Mr. C. H. P. Hay ... 93-15-78  
Capt. Bagnall ... 87-9-78  
Mr. Bagnall ... 84-7-32  
Mr. Part ... 83-8-60  
Comdr. Boucher ... 85-4-81  
Mr. Milner Jones ... 85-8-81  
Mr. C. H. P. Hay ... 83-12-81  
Mr. B. Johnson ... 83-7-82  
Mr. A. Ritchie ... 85-4-82  
Mr. A. O. Brown ... 100-18-82  
Mr. J. A. Plummer ... 104-18-85

\* No for Cup.

#### POOL.

Mr. C. H. P. Hay ... 93-15-78  
Capt. Bagnall ... 84-7-32  
Mr. Bagnall ... 85-4-81  
Mr. B. Johnson ... 83-12-81  
Mr. A. Ritchie ... 83-7-82  
Mr. A. O. Brown ... 100-18-82  
Mr. J. A. Plummer ... 104-18-85

\* Winner Pool.

#### 25 Entries.

#### CURE THAT COUGH.

WHEN you have a troublesome cough it does not mean that you have consumption or that you are going to have it, but it does mean that your lungs are threatened, and it is just as well to be on the safe side and take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy before it is too late. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.



## BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

## IRELAND BEATS WALES.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

At Wrexham, Ireland defeated Wales by 2 goals to 1.

The match was very strenuous. Gillespie scored for Ireland in the first half.

In the second half, Ireland played a man short. The Welsh shooting was wild. Gillespie and Evans Jones scored, the latter from a penalty.

## LORD STRATHCONA.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

Lord Strathcona, whose condition was reported yesterday to be causing anxiety, is sinking.

## BISLEY SHOOTING.

## A Rifle Union Formed.

LONDON, Jan. 19.

As an outcome of the Army Council's proposed alterations of the rules applying to shooting at Bisley, a new body, called the Rifle Union, has been formed, having the support of the National Rifle Association, with the object of promoting shooting throughout the Empire. The founder of the new body are, or have been, Bisley competitors.

## THE SOUTH AFRICAN LABOUR TROUBLES.

## Strike Practically Ended.

## TROOPS BEING DEMOBILISED.

LONDON, Jan. 19.

A telegram from Cape Town states that reports everywhere enhance the tale of the strikers' discomfiture. The Rand miners, who are still out on strike, are apparently at "sixes and sevens" on the question of remaining out.

The railway strike is practically ended, except in a limited extent at Durban and Pretoria, but in neither place is there any interference with the restoration of the normal service as a whole.

At Pretoria a number of freemen and guards started this morning. The workshop employees are not yet decided, but it is expected that some will follow the example of the "running" staff.

A Proclamation has been issued demobilising all the Regiments and Com-mandoes, excepting those on the Rand at Pretoria, and in the Fauresmith districts. This means that 30,000 are still in the field.

## THE PROPOSED BRITISH DOMINION OFFICERS.

LONDON, Jan. 19.

Lord Chelmsford is leaving for Canada on Saturday to submit to the Canadian Government plans for the expenditure of £2,500,000 under the Aldwych scheme for the London office of Canada and other Dominions.

## THE SITUATION AT DUBLIN.

## Larkin's Advice to the Strikers.

LONDON, Jan. 19.

The strike at Dublin now seems practically settled. Mr. Larkin, the strike leader, at a private meeting at Croydon Park, is reported to have told the men to resume work, and a general resumption is expected to-day. After the meeting there was some disorder, in the course of which a man was killed. His assailants are unknown.

## UNITED STATES ANTI-TRUST LEGISLATION.

LONDON, Jan. 19.

A telegram from Washington states that according to a forecast the message in connection with the anti-trust legislation, which President Wilson is forwarding to Congress on Tuesday, recommended the prohibition of interlocking directorates, along with other measures to prevent restraint of trade and the raising of transportation rates etc.

## SOMETHING TO REMEMBER.

IN buying a cough medicine for children, bear in mind that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best for colds, croup and whooping cough, and that it contains no harmful drug. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

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## THE "BOB" SIEVIER TRIAL.

## PROSECUTION WITHDRAWN.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

The trial of Robert Sievier, the well-known sporting journalist, who on December 30 was committed for trial at the Old Bailey on a charge of blackmailing a bookmaker—bail of £100 being allowed—has suddenly ended.

The prosecution was withdrawn, both parties having agreed not to attack each other in future.

Thereupon a verdict of "Not Guilty" was returned.

## ANOTHER VICTORY FOR CARPENTIER.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

At Nines, France, Carpentier knocked out O'Keefe with a right hook on the jaw, in the second round.

## THE LOST SUBMARINE.

## Agitation Against A Class.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

Naval craft are still assiduously searching for the lost Submarine A7, which sunk on Friday off Plymouth with two officers and nine men aboard.

A strong agitation has been raised against the A Class of submarines. The authorities, however, affirm that the idea that A Class is dangerous is unwarranted.

## Italian Government's Courtesy.

It is announced, says a telegram from Rome, that the Italian Government has placed the steamer Anteo, which was built at Holland and is now off Plymouth and proceeding towards Italy, at the disposal of the British Admiralty.

The "Anteo" has been specially designed for raising submarines.

## NAVAL WEDDING.

A pretty naval wedding took place this morning at St. Andrew's Church, where Lieutenant C. M. L. Scott, of H.M.S. Merlin, son of C. M. L. Scott, late I.C.S., was married to Miss E. C. Harvey, daughter of the late Captain Harvey, of Glasgow. The ceremony was a picturesque one, and was attended by a large contingent of naval officers and men of all ranks. The bride was given away by Major Robertson, A.O.D., and Mr. Arthur W. Smith, of the Chartered Bank, was in attendance as best man on the bridegroom, who was in uniform. The Rev. C. N. Pope was the officiating clergyman. As Lieutenants and Mrs. Scott left the church they passed through arches of swords and caresses formed by officers and non-commissioned officers of the Merlin, and they were drawn in rickshaws to the Station Hotel, where the reception was held, by contingents representing all the non-commissioned grades on the ship. Early in the afternoon Lieut. and Mrs. Scott left on a naval pinnaque for the steamer to Macao, where they are spending their honeymoon.

## VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

PARADES. There will be no parades at Headquarters this week.

MUSKETRY. The Artillery Battery will fire the Standard Test on Saturday, January 31st, and Sunday, February 1st.

REVIEWS. Every member who was in Camp must be particularly careful that his rifle is thoroughly cleaned.

LEAVE. Sapper B. Mathieson is granted leave from 10.1.14. to 31.1.14.

## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

## No Contest This Year.

Nine persons having been nominated for an equal number of places on the Shanghai Municipal Council, no contest takes place this year.

The new Council is composed as follows:—Messrs. O. F. Anton, E. I. Ezra, H. Figg, H. C. Gulland, A. Hilde, O. G. S. McKie, W. L. Morrison, E. C. Pearce, and A. S. P. White-Cooper.

## LORD BALFOUR TO PAY £300.

In the Court of Session, Edinburgh, recently, it was announced that the libel action brought against Lord Balfour of Burleigh by Elizabeth Couper, matron of the Clackmannan Combination Infectious Diseases Hospital at Alloa, had been settled on the payment of £300, with costs.

The alleged libel was in letters written by Lord Balfour in reference to the death of a child in the hospital. The matron originally claimed £2,000 damages.

Counsel stated that Lord Balfour had no intention to reflect on the matron, and that he withdrew and apologized for any statements which could be construed as reflecting on her.

## AN INTERESTING LECTURE.

## "ORAL HYGIENE."

Dr. M. E. Asger, dental surgeon, delivered the following interesting and instructive lecture on Friday evening at the weekly meeting of St. Andrew's Medical Christian Union:—

Hygiene is that branch of sanitary science which treats of the laws of health and its preservation.

Oral hygiene treats of the health of the mouth and its preservation.

A noted monarch once said: "The health of the people is the supreme law." A sentence more wise than this was never spoken by human lips, for the idea here lies at the very foundation of all material, intellectual, and spiritual progress of a nation; and without it no true national greatness can ever be attained.

This fact is becoming more and more generally recognized by all civilized nations, and which interest is being manifested by the public generally in the efforts that are being made to stamp out disease, improve the public health, and increase longevity.

With this end in view great efforts are being made by the various governments along the lines of scientific sanitation to protect the public from the detrimental effects of impure water, unwholesome foods and beverages; the poisonous emanations of decomposing garbage and sewage; the harmful effects of all bad and inefficient ventilation; and the overcrowding of tenement houses; the isolation of all persons afflicted with infectious diseases; and the fumigation of all vessels upon which such diseases are found and the carcases therein contained.

Physicians generally are teaching their patients the value of observing the various common rules of hygiene and sanitation and personal cleanliness; and yet the majority have not yet learned to appreciate the fact that an unclean mouth is a most prolific, if not the most prolific, source of danger to the health of the individual of which we have any knowledge.

It is the gospel of the cleanliness of the mouth; cleanliness of the teeth; cleanliness of the throat. These three things must be ones to think through life.

In Great Britain a study of the mouth conditions of the public school children revealed the fact that 97 per cent. had bad teeth, and that dental decay was an evil that was undermining the health of the nation. Similar studies in other countries furnish statistics which in general correspond with the figures obtained in England showing that dental decay is a disease universal in its distribution, and constituting a factor of ill health second in importance to no other which affects the human race.

It has come to be more appreciated that one of the great causes of decay in the teeth is the lack of cleanliness, and that decay begins at the outer surface of the teeth most frequently at the points most difficult to keep clean, clearly the work of the patient is oral hygiene—the maintaining of the oral cavity in a state of health.

We know of nothing that is more shocking and disgusting than a mouth which is a stranger to the tooth brush or one that only occasionally is treated to a half-hearted scrubbing with this most invaluable toilet article. Do we not turn away from such individuals? And why? Because they are poisoning the air which you and I must breathe with disease producing micro-organisms, pulmonary tuberculosis, tonsillitis, diptheria, bronchitis, etc.

Dr. Miller of Berlin has made the estimate that in a certain very uncleaned mouth there were not less than 1,000,000 micro-organisms. Think of the effect of such a mouth upon the general health of the individual and upon the atmosphere of a room inhabited by such a person; of the myriads of these organisms that enter the lungs at every inspiration and of the myriads that are thrown into the atmosphere by every expiration and by every act of coughing and sneezing; of the multitudes that are swallowed with every mouthful of food or drink. The wonder is that disease of the throat, of the air-passages of the lungs and of the stomach and intestinal tract are not more common than they are.

The unclean mouth is always a diseased mouth. The man with a clean mouth is never sick; the sick man never has a healthy mouth.

The man who has an uncleaned mouth has never a high resistance power against disease. Cleanliness is next to Godliness, and Godliness is to be Godlike. Can any one conceive of our God being uncleaned? Therefore, if we are Godlike we must be cleaned physically, morally, and spiritually.

If we are Godlike we will be every whit clean physically as well as in other respects, and if we are every whit clean, we will have clean mouths and keep them so.

The tooth-brush is the yardstick by which the degree of civilization of a people or nation may be measured. From time immemorial the care which a people or a nation has given to its teeth is the index of the degree of its civilization.

The tooth-brush is the greatest of all civilizing agents. This is the age of the tooth-brush, and the gospel of the tooth-brush is to be preached from one end of the world to the other, and nothing shall stop it for it is a righteous gospel, and one that has for its aim the betterment of the health and consequently of the happiness of the human race.

Hygiene of the mouth must deal not only with the question of cleanliness, but also with diseased conditions and their prevention. An uncleaned mouth leads to decay of the teeth, and decay of the teeth leads to exposure of the nerves, which causes excruciating pain. This

## ATTEMPTED BANK FRAUD ALLEGED.

## CHINESE ARRESTED.

Upon a charge of attempting to obtain a sum of \$8,136 from the Chartered Bank of India, China and Australia, Sergt. Murphy has arrested a man named Li Mu. It is alleged that the man attempted to pass a forged cheque.

The hearing was fixed for to-morrow morning, and Mr. Crew (of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings) will defend.

condition if neglected leads to abscess, which not only causes severe pain, and great swelling when the abscess is an acute one, but it may lead to acute septicemia (blood poisoning), and not infrequently to death. Or if the abscess passed into the chronic stage it may give rise to Pyemia (a chronic state of blood poisoning) which may continue for months, and finally end in death unless the cause is discovered and removed. The disease frequently found in the uncleaned mouth is Gingivitis (inflammation of the gums) usually caused by the accumulation of tartar and the accumulation of food debris, particles of food left upon and between the teeth which are seen in a state of acid fermentation from the action of certain bacteria always found in the human mouth, and which in a few hours forms acids which dissolve the lime salts in the enamel and dentine and thus establishes dental decay: while the accumulation of the tartar and of the food debris, as mechanical and chemical irritants to the gum tissue, establishes inflammation of the gums.

This condition of inflammation of the gums frequently leads to atrophy (a wasting away of tissue) and to a loss of the alveolus (bony socket of the teeth) by a process of decay, an inflammation condition which dissolves the bone very slowly and ends in the final loss of the teeth.

Another disease that is frequently found in an uncleaned mouth is Pyorrhea Alveolaris or Riggis' disease, a chronic inflammation located in the sockets of the roots of the teeth or sockets of the teeth which produce a gradual and painful dissolution of these structures accompanied by a flow of pus from the socket resulting in an ultimate loss of the teeth, and is due to constitutional causes such as rheumatism, gout, diabetes, and Bright's disease, and aggravated by the local irritation from tartar and the accumulation upon and around the teeth of food debris which is in a septic or putrefactive condition.

The following diseases are found associated with the uncleaned mouth:—

Stomatitis—Inflammation of the lining mucous membrane of the mouth in its various forms. It is often found in the mouths of infants, and is infectious.

Pharyngitis—Inflammation of the back of the throat associated with uncleaned mouth, and is usually due to infection of the mouth.

Tonsillitis—Inflammation of the glands lying upon either side of the interior surface of throat usually associated with uncleaned mouth, and is infectious. It spreads rapidly among school children housed in closed ventilated school rooms and who are permitted to use common drinking cups, the common slate, pencils and pens.

In the United States children have to bring their own drinking cups to school. Even in the railway trains no drinking cup is supplied and one has to bring his own cup or go thirsty. This is an excellent precautionary measure against infectious mouth diseases.

The German Army has taken the lead in the matter of oral hygiene. Orders were issued sometime ago that every soldier should brush his teeth at least once a day, before morning inspection, and it was the duty of the first sergeant of each company to see to it that this order was strictly obeyed.

At no period in the life of the child is oral hygiene of so much importance as during illness. At such times the secretions of the mouth are more or less changed and frequently are decidedly acid in reaction; while the micro-organisms of the mouth are less distributed than during health, and as a consequence grow rapidly. Dental decay is often established in the mouths of little children during illness, but this can be prevented by a proper care of the oral cavity during these times.

The highest aim of the healing art is not the cure of disease but its prevention.

The highest aim of the dentist should be to prevent the development of disease within the oral cavity and to check its ravages at the earliest possible moment, so that the attendant dangers may be reduced to the minimum. In order to accomplish this result frequent examination of the mouth and teeth at constituted intervals with explicit instructions in the various means which may be adopted to keep the mouth and teeth in a hygienic condition, will be absolutely necessary.

The law compels a father to provide food and clothing for his children; why not, then, proper medical, surgical, and dental treatment?

Many a child becomes ill-tempered, morose, cruel, quarrelsome, vindictive, because of the constant irritation of physical defects, not the least of which are irritations from dental and oral diseases.

I was informed that there are only two schools in Hongkong where there is dental inspection, and they are the Victoria and Kowloon Schools. These are government institutions. So far as I know none of the other schools in this Colony have dental inspection of the children's teeth.

In the United States all the schools have dentists appointed by the Author-

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## THE LATE INSPECTOR O'SULLIVAN.

## Impressive Funeral.

The funeral of the late Inspector Edmund O'Sullivan, of the Hongkong Police Force, who passed away at the Government Civil Hospital on Sunday evening, took place yesterday afternoon at the Roman Catholic cemetery, Happy Valley, and was attended by a large and representative gathering of police officers and friends. The hearse was escorted from the hospital by a large body of police, among whom were Capt. Supt. the Hon. Mr. McI. Messer, Acting Supt. King, and Chief Inspector Gounley, and the procession was joined at the monument by a large number of officers and constables.

The service was intoned both in the cemetery chapel and at the graveside by the Rev. Fr. Augustine, who delivered a touching address in which he spoke of the good qualities and strong faith of the deceased officer, to whom could be applied the words of the prophet Job: "Precious to the Lord is the death of his saints." He exhorted those present to so order their lives that they could say with their departed brother, "Thy will be done, O Lord; into Thy hands I commend my spirit."

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Nolan, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard, Inspectors M. and P. O'Sullivan (cousins) chief Detective Inspector Collett, Inspectors Dymond, Cameron, Fenton, McHardy, Withers, Watt, Gordon, Morrison, Gerard, Grant, McDonald, Allen, Sergeant Pitt, Murphy, Brazil, Watt, Floyd, Glendinning, Finch, Senior Inspector Coombe, Mr. G. H. H. (The Hon. Officer) Mr. and Mrs. Appleton, and a number of Chinese detective officers and constables.

Floral remembrances were sent by Mr. and Mrs. McI. Messer, Mr. T. H. King, Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan, Mr. and Mrs. M. O'Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Boulger, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Gourlay, Mr. and Mrs. Collett, Mr. and Mrs. Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Watt, Mr. and Mrs. Keck, Mr. and Mrs. J. Laughton, the Misses Lydaughton, Mr. and Mrs. Terrett, Mr. and Mrs. P. O'Sullivan; Mr. and Mrs. Green; Mr. and Mrs. Fraser; Mr. and Mrs. Gerard; Mr. and Mrs. Garrod; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Woolley; Mr. and Mrs. Brazil; Mr. D. O'Sullivan; Inspector Marston; Mr. W. Reid; Inspectors Fenton and Macdonald; Sgt. Cooper; R. H. C. Ewell and Sgt. King Kwong; Sgt. Mess; Central Station; European Constables, Central Station; No. 7 Police Station; European Constables, Water Police; Yau-mai Police Station; Sergeant, Water Police; No. 5 Fire Station; European Detective Staff, H.K. Police; Ng Ping On and Wang Chai Kai; The Tai On Upland Farmer; Chinese Detective Staff, Central Station, and others.

It is imperative to examine the mouth and throat of school children if any degree of perfection is to be attained in the control of contagious diseases. In those recovering from a contagious disease each tooth cavity is a cupful of culture media for the disease germs to reside in until such time as they are deposited on some object to await another holed in another dirty mouth.

Cleanliness of the mouth and teeth is the greatest of all prophylactic measures which can be instituted against dental decay. Most people brush their teeth for purely cosmetic reasons, not to prevent disease.

Many ladies who are pinks of perfection and beauties in their toilet, wear beautiful clothes, and expensive diamonds and pearls about their necks, are woefully negligent of mouth cleanliness, neglecting the pearls in their mouths until they turn black and unsightly from neglect and disease through an unreasoning fear of dental treatment, and constantly carry about with them conditions infinitely more dangerous to their individual health and more disgusting to their associates than the sight of an open sewer.

A clean mouth and a clean body are the best safeguards against disease. Guard well the health of the mouth and the stomach will take care of itself.

## CUTTING GOVERNMENT TREES.

## An Exemplary Penalty.

An exemplary penalty was imposed on a Chinese living at Taitam village, charged with cutting government trees, by Mr. Hazledan at the Magistracy today.

The facts put before the magistrate were that the defendant's house was raided by Sgt. Baker and forest guards yesterday and defendant arrested on a warrant. Mr. Green, of the Forestry Department, stated that for some time defendant had been cutting trees from government plantations and selling the wood to junk and sampan people. Mr. Hazledan imposed a fine of \$50, or two months' imprisonment in default.

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